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MONTICELLO AND LIBERTY AWARDED \$537,022 IN ADDITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$537,022 in rental assistance vouchers to two housing authorities in Sullivan County. The Monticello Housing Authority has been awarded 90 new vouchers worth \$452,160 and the Village of Liberty Housing Authority will receive 20 new vouchers worth \$84,862.

"There are many people in Monticello and in Liberty who simply cannot afford decent, safe, housing," said Hinchey. "These new vouchers will help the local housing authorities to alleviate that problem."

The Section 8 Housing Choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

"We're thrilled since we will now be able to help more low-income people in our community because of these vouchers," said David Kaufman, Executive Director of the Monticello Housing Authority. Kaufman also noted that the additional funding will allow MHA to hire an additional staff member to handle the increased workload.

Judy Mall, of the Village of Liberty Housing Authority, added, "I'm ecstatic to learn about this additional assistance. It's going to allow us to help more families in the Liberty area."

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